Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, For 82 years, Christmas Seals from the South Dakota Lung Association have called upon that special American spirit of caring to fund the battle against many lung diseases that afflict millions of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, With the issuing of the first Christmas Seal in 1907, one of history's greatest public health campaigns began--a campaign that helped tame a terrifying tuberculosis epidemic in this country--and, now, other ravaging lung diseases have risen up to take an unacceptable toll on America's health; and,

WHEREAS, Today, over one-third of the American population suffers from debilitating diseases of the lung; and,

WHEREAS, Contributions to Christmas Seals fund important research and public health programs that someday may enable the South Dakota Lung Association to free our communities from the ravages of lung disease, and Christmas Seal donations support biomedical research and public health education; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the South Dakota Lung Association:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 1989 as

CHRISTMAS SEAL MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge the good people of South Dakota to once again respond to the call for help by using Christmas Seals on all your holiday cards and packages and by supporting the work of the South Dakota Lung Association all year long.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE